

WASTE 2 RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

** MEETING SUMMARY **

January 18, 2011, 9:00 a.m.

Steve Wamback, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Introductions were made and Steve asked for a motion to approve the September 21 meeting notes. There was a motion to adopt them. The motion was seconded and the notes were approved.

Legislative & Budget Update - Laurie Davies

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Laurie gave the group an update on current proposed legislation. The W2R Program has an agency request bill amending the Children's Safe Products Act. We have also seen legislation on exempting anaerobic digesters from Clean Air Act permitting, carpet product stewardship, and a pharmaceutical take-back program.

In the Governor's budget, \$28.6 million are identified for CPG. The budget has the tire fund set at \$7 million, of which Ecology gets \$1 million.

Regarding the current biennium's shortfall of \$4 million in CPG, we believe we will get a loan from the Toxics Cleanup Program to cover the budget. It will be paid back next biennium through the Site Hazard Assessment Grants Program, but appear seamless to local governments.

Update on Rules Moratorium - Laurie Davies

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The -350 rule (Solid Waste Handling Standards) is moving forward only for compost-related parts of the rule. August is the target for proposed language.

Work on the -351 Municipal Landfill rule will also continue because it is related to a delegated program. However the rule is at EPA awaiting review.

We will not do a rule on mercury lights. We will try to implement the statute as it is written and are now working on collecting fees. This may affect the 2013 deadline for having the program operational.

70.95 Update – Janine Bogar

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The current rule moratorium does not affect the 70.95 update effort. The project has slowed down due to staff time constraints, but it has not stopped. Work is underway to integrate comments that were solicited in October on the original ten themes of problem areas. There are now eleven problem areas with the addition of the toxics/MRW theme.

We have decided to spend more time on prioritization. The end goal is to have a list of what we will work on next, what we will not work on, and what we may work on later, along with why.

We will use the stakeholder input we have received so far and may ask for more. We will also work on research to locate issues in the statute. This may take quite awhile. We have not yet mapped out the solutions phase.

It is important for us to evaluate our key statute overall. General housekeeping is also a goal. We recognize this is not the time to propose changes that will increase costs.

An update to all stakeholders via a listserv message is forthcoming.

New Committee Operating Principles and Membership – Laurie Davies

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Laurie asked the group for feedback on the proposed Operating Principles for the new advisory committee. Under “Composition of the Committee, she will add representatives of air agencies, biomass, solid waste companies, environmental groups, and the recycling community. Lorie Hewitt will work on identifying members and alternates to represent the interests agreed on. The meeting schedule will remain the same.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the operating principles subject to amendment as discussed.

Operator & Inspector Certification – Laurie Davies & Wayne Krafft

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Training provided by SWANA has focused more on national issues and not Washington’s. The training is also expensive.

Wayne explained he and Cole Carter have been working with Jim Matsuyama and health directors; local operators, including private ones; representatives of waste management; and Ecology staff to find an alternative to SWANA training that would be more relevant and less expensive. Wayne said they are looking at which topics are appropriate for this training. The goal is to move forward with something in September. It has been challenging to get stakeholders moving forward and organized.

Comments and questions from the group included:

- How many take the course in the state? Wayne said he hasn’t looked at SWANA registry, but thinks about 100-150.
- Relevancy is a big deal.

- Is Ecology thinking about testing every two years? Wayne said we haven't looked at that yet. We are currently considering what is legally required.
- Could private companies be certified to satisfy the requirements, e.g. waste management? Wayne said there is nothing in the law or rule that would prohibit that.
- Deleting training sections that would be helpful is a concern. Be sensitive to the needs of folks with varied backgrounds and their roles, e.g. site lead vs. operator.
- It's important to get all the facts and undergo a formal stakeholder process as required under the law. Ecology is responsible for the environment. Ensure you do a good job on certification.
- SWANA may be able to revise classes to meet needs. The project could benefit by working more closely with the SWANA Board.
- Videoconferencing training is a possibility if travel costs are an issue.
- It would be advantageous to communicate more with local government solid waste managers as this project proceeds.

Dominic Calabro said he will see if there is any federal component involved (requirement) and let Wayne know.

Steve Wambach clarified that we will hear more and requested that all further communications on this subject be sent to this committee. Wayne agreed. Wayne will try to forward all that has gone out so far to the group.

Laurie Davies said this effort is not supplanting the existing program. We haven't made decisions to reduce requirements. Laurie will provide a formal/ in writing notification. Steve advised to ask for input rather than inform.

Steve said every jurisdiction with a landfill should be included in this process.

If the committee has any additional input, provide it to Wayne and he will share it with Cole Carter.

Waste Characterization Study – Gretchen Newman

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Gretchen gave the group a presentation on the study, which was completed in June 2010. The presentation is posted on the Waste 2 Resources Advisory Committee's website.

Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- Beyond Waste Progress Report, Gretchen Newman & Chris Newman – March 2011
- Commingled recycling study group – Summer or fall 2011
- Results of Pierce County Health Department's Closed and Abandoned Landfill Study - John Sherman, May 2011?

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Submitted by: Susanne McLemore